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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--Referring now to FIGS. 1 and 2, a face piece 10 has a nasal port and an oral port 14 formed therein, which form a portion of a face mask 42 (FIGS. 11, 12 and 13). A peripheral cuff 16 is formed about the face piece 10 to form a seal with the face of the patient when the face mask 42 is placed on the patient's face as will be described. Preferably, the peripheral cuff ~~10~~ 16 is padded or inflated, or has a design to form a leak resistant seal with the patient's face. The face piece 10 is preferably formed of an air impermeable material such as rubber, plastic or treated fabric, which preferably is flexible.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 19, and continuing to page 8, line 7, with following rewritten paragraph:

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--To further assist in retaining the face mask 42 on the patient, a plurality of spaced apart protrusions 44 are formed on the face piece 10, extending outwardly therefrom (FIG. 12). At least a pair of protrusions 44 are formed on opposite sides of the face piece 10. At least one strap 46 is connected between the at least one pair of protrusions 44 such that the at least one strap 46 is connected to one of the protrusions, extends around the head of the patient and is connected to another of the protrusions of the pair on the opposite side of the face piece 10. There may be more than one strap 46 which is disposed higher or lower on the patient's head in relation to the one strap 46. The strap 46 may be an elastic band which may stretch or may have buckle, hook and loop fasteners or other means known to persons ~~skilled~~ skilled in the art to provide an adjustable length of the strap. In this manner, the strap provides for use with patients having a wide variation in head size.--